

## ADDRESS IS DELIVERED BY WILSON

State Superintendent Speaks to  
Grady County Teachers at Closing  
Session; Brings Message of  
Encouragement

## BUSINESS OF MEET IS TRANSACTED

Committees Report on Athletics  
and Lively Discussion Follows;  
Elect Officers Next Spring;  
Resolutions Adopted

They are gone. Every one of them, save a few of the lady members who remained over this evening to replenish their wardrobes from the bountifully supplied shops of Chickasha.

They are gone, every teacher of them, except as above stated. The meeting of the Grady County Teachers' association for the fall of 1915 is now known only as a memory. But it was a "Jim Dandy."

Following the afternoon meeting of yesterday the teachers re-assembled in the Methodist church last evening for the purpose of listening to the remarks of State Superintendent Wilson, for the completion of the evening's program, and for the completion of any routine business which might come before them.

At the business session the committee on resolutions submitted its report which was unanimously adopted as read.

Compliance of regulation of athletics submitted its report. This report kicked up considerable discussion of a lengthy character which resulted in the adoption of the report with numerous amendments.

Under the head of "new business" the matter of election of officers was taken up. Following discussion it was decided to lay the election of officers over until the spring meeting of the association. The president of the association was instructed to appoint a committee of nine, who will make the arrangements for the date of holding the next, or spring meeting of the association. Committee not yet appointed.

Upon motion it was decided to place the arrangement of the details for the intellectual contest, to be held some time during the next spring, in the hands of President Wickizer.

Upon motion of Superintendent Shepard the meeting adjourned to one of the theaters of the city for the remainder of the evening.

Preceding the business meeting a pleasant and instructive session of the association was spent in listening to the closing numbers of the program as arranged.

P. G. Phelps gave his illustrated lecture in demonstration of the merits "visual instruction."

Mrs. Zelma Mae Shepard rendered a beautiful piano solo, followed by Miss Porter, of the O. C. W. with a vocal solo, and a reading by Miss Mary O'Neil.

Introduced by Superintendent Shepard, State Superintendent Wilson of Oklahoma City, addressed the meeting.

Superintendent Wilson said in part, that he came before the teachers of Grady county the bearer of messages of encouragement and good cheer; that he felt highly pleased, as an instructor, with the manner in which the schools of the entire state of Oklahoma had grown within the past few years; that this growth during the past year had been little short of phenomenal and that the growth during of the schools, and their development, in Grady county during that period had been wonderful.

Mr. Wilson said that Chickasha had one of the best, if not the very best, high school in Oklahoma and this fact was due to the hearty cooperation with which the superintendent of those schools was meeting, together with the hard and conscientious personal attention he was giving this school.

In referring a second time to the growth of the schools of the state in general, and of Grady county in particular, Mr. Wilson said that he felt the improvement was largely due to the fact that the great part of the teachers of this time were holders of first-grade certificates. He said that

the holders of first-grade teachers' certificates had increased during the past few years, over 150 per cent.

Mr. Wilson referred to the growth of the Chickasha schools and showed what they were today as compared with what they were when he came here as a teacher in the old North Side school over twelve years ago. He stated that he was doing all that was possible to advance the school interests of Oklahoma; that he felt his work was meeting with some success; that he had attempted to carry into the state school department the same system which he had used in the county office while he was superintendent of schools in Grady county.

Mr. Wilson closed his remarks by (Continued on Page Four.)

## BLAZE IS QUICKLY CHECKED

An alarm turned in from North Third street called the fire department out at 9:28 o'clock last evening to battle with the flames which had started in a restaurant near the corner of the alley on the west side of Third street, between Chickasha and Choctaw avenues.

Prompt response on the part of the department and the hard and efficient work of the boys after they arrived upon the scene was all that prevented what might have been a disastrous fire. The building was occupied by D. P. Morris. The fire originated from the explosion of the tank on a gasoline stove whereon hamburgers, nicely flavored with onions, were frying in a small ocean of sizzling cottoline.

Chief Gattis reports the loss small. Some corrugated sheet iron siding, a little bent and twisted, a few pounds of hamburger meat, a trifle scorched, a cedar barrel mangled in rolling out of the building and some oil cloth counter covering overhangingly ruined, constitutes the loss, it is said.

Chief Gattis stated this morning that he intended to take the matter up with the city council at its next regular meeting of having the row of frame rockeries, from the corner building wherein last night's fire occurred, to the corner of Choctaw, condemned and torn away. The chief says that a similar complaint about those same buildings was filed with a previous council some years ago and informally passed. He states, also, that the buildings are fire traps, that they are within the fire limits of the city and a menace to the surrounding property.

## CHANGES IN TIME CARD

A new Rock Island time card will become effective at 12:01 o'clock tonight, several changes being made in the time of arrival and departure of passenger trains.

The southbound Firefly will arrive at 8:15 o'clock a. m. and No. 23 will arrive at 1:30 o'clock p. m., departing at 1:55 o'clock p. m. The northbound Firefly will arrive at 6:50 o'clock p. m., instead of 7:10 o'clock as heretofore.

The westbound morning Mangum train will arrive at 9:15, departing at 9:30 and the morning train from Mangum will arrive at 11:20 o'clock, departing at 11:35 o'clock, the latter train running daily except Sunday.

The westbound afternoon train from Mangum will arrive at 2:50 o'clock, departing at 3 o'clock daily, except Sunday, and the afternoon train from Mangum will arrive at 5:30 o'clock, departing at 6 o'clock, stopping here for supper.

The schedule of all other trains remain unchanged.

### BEST EVER ATTENDED.

Moses E. Wood of the Central State Normal, at Edmond, who addressed the recent Grady County Teachers' association upon the subject of moonlight schools, stated that he had never seen so much interest taken in any county meeting as that manifested by the teachers at this association's sessions. Mr. Wood paid the educational standard attained by the county a glowing compliment and also complimented the teachers for the manner in which they had labored in bringing this standard up to what it is.

## DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS IN SESSION

One Hundred and Ten Board Members Respond to Call of County Superintendent for First Meeting

## FEAST FOLLOWS AT NOON HOUR

Chickasha Business Men are Hosts to Visitors; Dwyer, Shepard, Cooper and Others Make Good Talks

The first annual meeting of the school board members of Grady county was called to order in the district court room at 10 o'clock this morning by County Superintendent Shepard.

One hundred and ten school directors of Grady county, outside of Chickasha, had registered up to the hour of meeting and everyone expressed the greatest interest in the meeting.

Following the calling to order of the meeting and a statement of the object of the same, Superintendent Shepard introduced State Superintendent Wilson, who addressed the board members present upon the importance of education to all and upon the importance of their own positions in the educational advancement of the communities in which they lived.

The assembled school board members were told, by the speaker that they occupied positions of trust of far greater importance to the community at large than did possibly any other public official in the county. It was up to them, the speaker said to employ the best of talent to teach the children and prepare them for the battle of life, and that it was their duty to see that peace and harmony was maintained in all districts. Mr. Wilson showed the board members that it was their duty as such members to exert their every effort in a well directed endeavor to bring the teacher and the pupil and the school patron together in a greater harmony—a greater uniformity of action.

Following Mr. Wilson, City Superintendent Ramsey spoke at length upon the subject of higher school ideals, and dwelt upon the great good to be accomplished through co-operation.

County Treasurer Mullican addressed the assemblage upon financial affairs.

At noon the meeting adjourned to the Dugan building, where an elaborate spread had been prepared by the Epworth league and furnished by Chickasha business men. Here it was "midst the crushing of sweet morsels of bread, butter, meats, pickles and what not, the forensic end of the meeting came. Preceding the feastings, thanks to the Divine Giver of all things good were returned by Rev. J. A. Olds.

When those present had well gotten down to the business of putting the good things to eat on the blink, interesting talks were delivered by Messrs. Tom Dwyer, O. C. Cooper, M. H. Shepard and others.

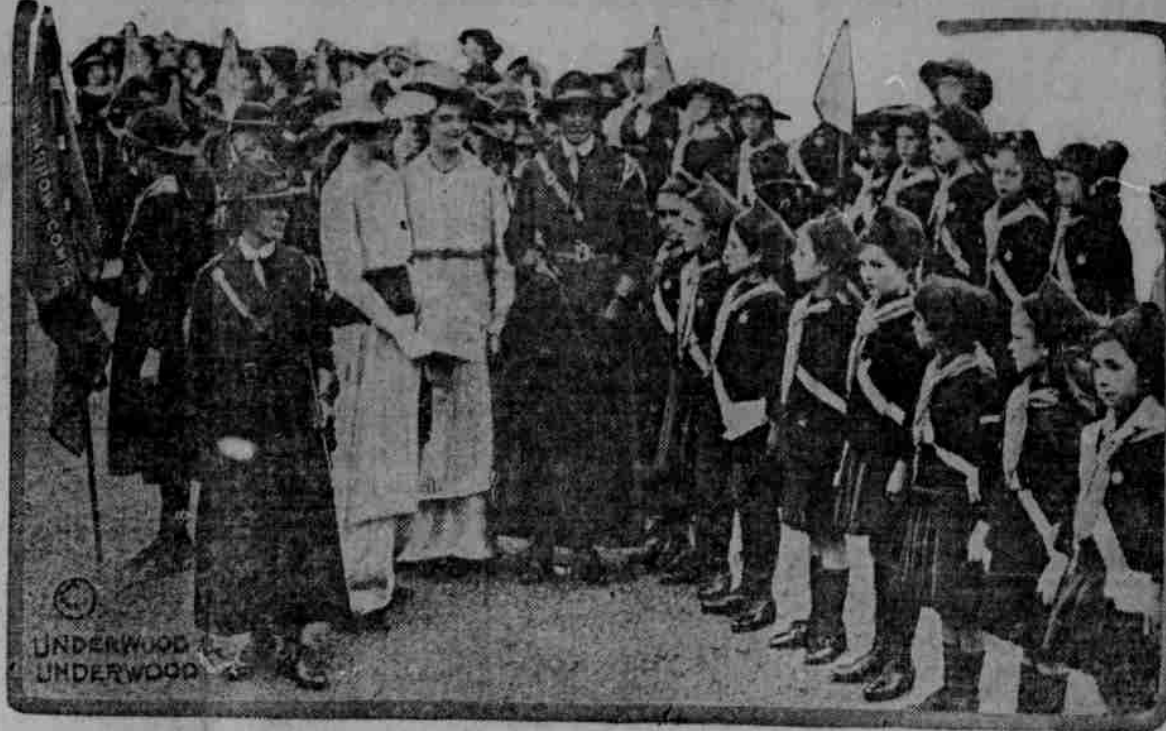
Mr. Dwyer's speech was probably the forensic feature of the occasion. Eliminating the fact that he mistook the school directors present for the school teachers, not present, and wandered in his speech at the dearth of calico present, this speech was one of marked success. Mr. Dwyer's remarks were received with enthusiasm by his audience.

In addition to the speakers above mentioned who spoke entertainingly during the banquet hour, Messrs. L. Hollingsworth of Amber, President Austin of the O. C. W., and H. M. Mullican entertained those present with timely and interesting remarks.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
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Tonight fair, warmer. Sunday fair.

Local Temperature.  
During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.:  
Maximum ..... 83  
Minimum ..... 42

## INSPECTING ENGLISH GIRL GUARDS



Following the lead of the Boy Scouts, the girlhood of England is organizing into companies known as Girl Guards. These little women are taught rudimentary household and social welfare facts which will be of use to them and their country when they grow up. The picture shows the duchess of Marlborough (in white at left) inspecting the Guard of Honor of the First Harrow company at Harrow, England.

## M'COMBS IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Democratic National Chairman Predicts Re-nomination of Wilson; Committee Meets in Washington December 7

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the national democratic committee, in an interview today, admitted that he believed that the 1916 presidential campaign would be a real fight although he sees nothing but Democratic success.

McCombs says Wilson will again be the democratic nominee for the presidency and that the party will go before the people with the achievements of the administration as its argument in appealing for votes.

The convention city will be selected when the national committee meets in Washington, December 7. Up to the present time Dallas, Chicago and St. Louis are after the convention.

Dallas has made a most alluring proposition, offering not only to pay the expenses of the convention, but also to put up an additional \$100,000, while Chicago and St. Louis are willing to meet only expenses.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Deputy Watkins of the county clerk's office this afternoon issued the following life's happiness permits: Forrest Rumley, aged 21 of Pocomasset, to Miss Florence Catlin, aged 19 of Caddo county; Willie Keyes, aged 21, to Miss Pauline Gray, aged 18, both of Naples.

## Musical Advancement of Chickasha is Object of McDowell Club Members

(Written for the Express.)

The dawn of musical America is just at its rosiest glow, and we may now pause a moment in passing, to contemplate the stages by which she has risen in the musical firmament.

New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago are the four greatest music centers of the United States. With their permanent grand opera companies, symphony orchestras, oratorio societies, famous bands and sacred concerts, one may have a feast of the best music at any time in a number of the larger cities of the east.

That the musical success of a city is dependent on the musical education of its people is shown in the movement now on in a majority of the eastern cities, to provide the best musical programs free, for the very poorest of their people. In the south and west a great deal is being accomplished in a musical way through the organization of oratorio societies and music clubs, and while they have not

the financial support of the city government as in the eastern cities, they are dependent on the co-operation of the citizens, and the more general the patronage, the higher the musical standing of the city will be raised.

In Chickasha the MacDowell club is making a splendid effort for the advancement of the study of music, and for the coming season, as in the seasons past, the numbers offered will be of the higher order.

The club has arranged for a series of concerts for the mid-winter season, the initial production to be the dramatic cantata, "Ruth, the Moabitess," which will be presented Friday evening, November 5, at the college auditorium, by a company of local singers, led by Miss Caroline Porter of the O. C. W. faculty.

The cantata is a very worthy production having several excellent solos and the male quartet parts being especially effective.

A chorus of thirty voices will be another attractive feature.

## BATTLE IS BEGUN BY MEXICANS

Three Hundred Villistas Defeated in Preliminary Skirmish; American Troops are Ready to Head Off Invaders

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—General Funston wired the state department today that fighting had already begun near Agua Prieta opposite Douglas, Ariz.

Three hundred Villistas were dispersed late yesterday afternoon by the outposts of General Calles at Calahana and it was reported that another Villa patrol was completely wiped out west of Agua Prieta.

Six thousand American troops are stationed at Douglas ready to fire on any Villistas who may attempt to invade the United States, while they are attacking Agua Prieta.

Five troop trains bearing seven thousand Carranzistas to reinforce the garrison Agua Prieta are due to arrive at Douglas tonight.

## ANOTHER SHOW FOR BAND BOYS

Under the auspices of the Chickasha Band, the Hodgkins' shows will appear in Chickasha Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 4, 5 and 6.

On account of the inclement weather conditions the receipts from the recent street carnival given in the interests of the band boys were not nearly as productive of results as had been hoped. In order that the remainder of the needed funds for buying their uniforms may be raised, the band management has secured this show which is said to be a most meritorious one.

The place where the show will be staged has not yet been chosen, but it will be on some vacant lot near the car lines and accessible to all.

### GIVEN A YEAR AND A DAY.

Motion for a new trial in the case of the State of Oklahoma vs. Fender Polk, was argued, submitted and overruled in the district court this morning. Prisoner was arraigned before Judge Linn and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and one day. Notice of appeal was served by defendant's attorneys and defendant released on bond pending the appeal.

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WEATHER ELSEWHERE.  
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Western Union reports received at 5 o'clock a. m.:  
TEXAS—Generally clear. No frost. Temperature, 40 to 60 degrees.

OKLAHOMA—Generally clear. No frost. Temperature, 35 to 65 degrees.

## NO FAVORS ARE ASKED BY SERBIA

Former Premier Says His Country Wants Only Fair Play; England is Slow in Coming to Rescue

## KOMARIV CAPTURED BY GERMAN FORCES

Russian Fleet Reported Leaving for Bulgarian Coast; British Mine Sweeper Sunk Off Coast of Gallipoli

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.  
(U. P. staff correspondent.)  
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PARIS, Oct. 30.—"Serbia asks favors from nobody. All she wants is fair play and she expects the allies to do their duty by her. France is doing her duty already and doubtless England intends to do likewise, but she is too slow and unless she hurries her aid will come too late."

"Thomas Milenkewitch, former premier of Serbia, and the present Serbian minister in Paris, used the above language as he summed up the Balkan situation to me today in an interview granted exclusively to the United Press.

"The former premier has just returned from Serbia and is familiar with all the latest developments.

"I do not wish to be interpreted as calling for help," he continued. "It is not in the nature of the Serbian people to do this, nor do I say what I do in the spirit of criticism. I am speaking plainly for the good of the allies generally."

Take Russian City.  
By United Press.  
BERLIN, Oct. 30.—It was announced today that the Germans had captured Komariv from the Russians.

Russ to Attack Bulgars.  
By United Press.  
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 30.—According to reports received here a great fleet of troop ships, escorted by cruisers and destroyers, has left Odessa and Sebastopol for the Bulgarian coast.

Mine Sweeper Gets Down.  
By United Press.  
LONDON, Oct. 30.—The admiralty announced today that the British mine sweeper Hythe was sunk in a collision off the coast of Gallipoli. One hundred men are reported to be missing.

Hesperian Sunk by Torpedo.  
By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The navy department today submitted a report to Secretary Lansing stating that the Allan liner Hesperian was sunk by a torpedo, not by a mine, as Germany contended.

Lansing indicated that the report would not reopen the submarine question with Germany except as to the amount of indemnity for the loss of the Hesperian. A large amount of American merchandise was aboard the vessel and for this damages will be asked. No lives were lost.

The finding of the navy experts was based on a piece of metal that was thrown on the ship's deck by the explosion. It was established conclusively that this was a piece of a torpedo.

## GOETTING GIVES OUT GRADY COUNTY COTTON REPORT.

C. C. Goetting, federal cotton crop reporter for the county, today received from the census bureau the official report of cotton ginnings in Grady county prior to October 15, based upon figures previously collected by him. The report shows that the total number of bales ginned up to the above date was 109, as compared with 7,563 bales up to the same date last year. Mr. Goetting requests all Grady county papers to print this report.

### KING IS IMPROVING.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Oct. 30.—King George, who was injured by a fall from his horse is improving, according to an official bulletin issued today.